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REF: (A) THE HAGUE 6631; (B) THE HAGUE 6606

1. SUMMARY: FRG FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS INFORMED
US DECEMBER 3 THAT THE HAGUE EUROPEAN COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 29-30 ACCOMPLISHED SEVERAL FRG OBJECTIVES.
FOREMOST WAS SCHMIDT'S OPPORTUNITY TO PERSUADE EC

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VARIOUS CIEC PROGRAMS, ALL OF WHICH CONSTITUTE RESOURCE

TRANSFERS. ALSO USEFUL WERE TREATMENT OF TINDEMANS REPORT (SEPTTEL) AND COMMUNIQUE SIGNALING TO LDC'S AND OPEC THAT EC WAS STILL INTERESTED, BUT COULD NOT MAKE CONCRETE DECISIONS UNTIL OIL PRICE SITUATION WAS CLEAR. END SUMMARY.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL INFORMED US DEC 3 THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT USED THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL NOV 29-30 TO PERSUADE HIS EC COLLEAGUES THAT THE VARIOUS ISSUES BEING CONSIDERED IN THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE, AS WELL AS THE OVERALL ECONOMIC PICUTRE WITHIN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, MUST BE VIEWED GLOBALLY. HE EMPHASIZED HIS CONVICTION THAT THE VARIOUS CIEC PROGRAMS, SUCH AS A COMMON COMMODITY FUND, DEBT RESCHEDULING, DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, AS WELL AS GATT, IMF, AND UNCTAD ACTIVITIES, ALL CONSTITUTE RESOURCE TRANSFERS AND THAT THE EC CAPABILITIES ARE FINITE. SCHMIDT ALSO URGED HIS COLLEAGUES TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE TO MAKE A MORE MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTION TO DEVELOPMENT AID.

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3. THE STATEMENT AGREED UPON IN THE HAGUE (SEE REF A) WAS INTENDED TO BE A SIGNAL, BOTH TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND TO THE OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES, THAT THE EC INTENDED TO PURSUE ITS DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE EFFORTS, BUT THAT CONCRETE DECISIONS HAD TO BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE OUTCOME OF THE OPEC OIL PRICE DECISION WAS KNOWN AND UNTIL THE NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION HAD CLARIFIED ITS POLICIES. THE GISCARD PROPOSAL TO SET A CASH CEILING ON OIL IMPORT EXPENDITURES WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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DISMISSED BY OUR FRG SOURCES AS A STATEMENT FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION WHICH WOULD RECEIVE NO FOLLOW-UP ACTION OF ANY KIND.

4. OUR FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCES VEHEMENTLY DENIED THE REPORT (REF B) THAT FRG HAD WITHDRAWN ITS RESERVATIONS ON A LETTER TO UNCTAD SECRETARY GENERAL COREA REGARDING THE COMMON COMMODITY FUND. OUR SOURCES INFORMED US THAT CIEC CO-CHAIRMEN MACEACHEN AND PEREZ-GUERRERO WERE EXPECTED TO TRANSMIT IDENTICAL LETTERS DECEMBER 3 TO 27 CIEC MEMBER STATES ASKING WHETHER THE LATTER WISHED TO POSTPONE THE DECEMBER CIEC MINISTERIAL MEETING. THERE WAS SOME DOUBT AS TO WHETHER THE LETTER WOULD ASK FOR A REPLY BEFORE DECEMBER 7 OR WOULD SIMPLY ASK FOR A PROMPT REPLY. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THE FRG FOREIGN MINISTRY EXPECTS THE MEETING TO BE POSTPONED.
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